

OPPOSITION IN VERY HIGH QUARTER

Robertson's Appointment Being Opposed by Secretary Ballinger.

OTHER CANDIDATES UNKNOWN

Opinion That "Prohibition for Hawaii" Is Not Taken Seriously.

By Ernest G. Walker.
(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, December 23.—Hawaiian business at the Capital has been halted by the holiday season, as is the case with nearly all other business of a public character. There will be little done till after the New Year for congress is not in session and the departments are running along lightly.

There is keen interest here over the second federal judgeship, as far as the Hawaiian colony is concerned, but apparently no decision is to be made by the President just yet. Secretary Ballinger has taken ground unfavorable to the nomination of A. G. M. Robertson for judge, but how much influence this will have with the President and the attorney-general has not yet developed. As far as known there are no other candidates in the field, although it is not questioned that there are several lawyers in Hawaii who would gladly accept the place.

Governor Frear returned here from New York, but only for a half-day to chat with the attorney-general about filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Wilder.

Prohibition Lobbyists.

John G. Woolley and several other reformers, during a recent reformer's convention in Washington, made a fervent appeal to the senate committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico for prohibition in Hawaii. The committee has taken no further action yet. The Delegate will not be here till January 1 and Mr. McCallan is awaiting his coming before taking any step with reference to the proposition. Probably the matter is not to be taken seriously. The sentiment of congress undoubtedly is against voting prohibition upon any of the Territories, although what might happen if the bill were forced to a vote might be another question.

Kahului Harbor.

Former Judge Hatch and Mr. McClellan have an appointment for a hearing next Monday before the engineer board of the Army, regarding the proposed improvement of Kahului harbor. They hope to obtain a favorable report to congress on the project so that it can be incorporated in the river and harbor bill which is now being made up by the house committee. Judge and Mrs. Hatch have settled for the winter in a house on 21st street. Mrs. Hatch's health is not good and she plans to leave Washington for a while in the hope of finding a more congenial climate where her health will be restored.

Ashford's Pilika.

The chances for Stanley Ashford, late a cadet at the Naval Academy from Hawaii, getting a commission in the Coast Artillery Corps are not as bright as they were a week ago. It appears that there is a provision against any former cadets of the Naval Academy taking a commission in another military corps where they would relatively outrank their former classmates and, at best, if Ashford gets a commission it will not be for some time.

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LATHAM SETS NEW PACE FOR AERIAL SKIPPERS

Flying Machine Navigates the Air at Record-Breaking Height.

(By Associated Press.)

MOURMELON, January 8.—Latham set a new record for aerial navigation yesterday, when he drove his aeroplane through some of the thickest clouds at an altitude of 10,000 feet.

WILSON HAS A FAT, SIDE JOB

Honolulu Road Supervisor Drawing Salary as Contractor's Aid and Partner.

Out of a series of interviews yesterday, some grave, some gay, emerges the fact that Johnny Wilson, whose time and road-building skill belongs to the municipality, is drawing a five per cent commission from the Kahana road contract and is also receiving fifty dollars a month as supervising engineer for the contractor.

(From Saturday's Advertiser.)

A disgruntled Portuguese is stamping on the Democratic administration with both feet and tearing holes in it. He is threatening to remove Mayor Fern from office and do many dreadful things, the statement of which earned him a hearing before Deputy Attorney-General Andrews on behalf of the Republican cohorts but failed to ruffle the brows of the Democratic administration. The disgruntled Portuguese is John C. Picano, late a copartner with John Emmeluth on the Kahuani road contract. He claims that he has been defrauded out of many things, his fortune included, and that he is now relegated to the life of a plantation laborer, to support his wife and four children.

He was interviewed last night in his house on Gulick avenue, and although he was partly drunk and preparing to get drunk in company with his wife and two sorrowful-looking natives, he managed to tell a pretty connected story of his outraged feelings. He says as a starter that he and John Woods submitted proposals for the Kahuani road contract and secured it. Thereupon both himself and Woods found themselves unable to secure bonds. He went to John Wilson, road supervisor of the Honolulu district, whom he calls his "best friend," and "heart's dearest" in his more tender moments.

Wilson winked his starboard eye and said that he would fix it for him and then, continues Picano, he came around and told him to go to Emmeluth who would go on his bond. Picano did so and Emmeluth went security for the \$2500, buying out Woods at the same time. This made Emmeluth and Picano partners. Then, says Picano, he was told that if he would sell out his share of the contract to Emmeluth he would be given a job as luna on the Kahana road and he accepted the proposition. He weeps at this point as he states that he was only given \$250 for his share and was then refused the Kahana job. His "dear friend" Wilson then came to his assistance, he says, and when he became somewhat obstreperous promised him a job in the Honolulu district at \$4 a day. This latter was also refused later and Picano, rising to his most majestic heights of oratory, winds up with a peroration to the effect that Emmeluth and Wilson are partners, and that being a partner of a county contractor is an improper thing for a county official to be.

Picano says he was a Democrat. He also says he is not a Democrat any longer. He adds to this political information by saying that he and he alone (he swore it on a crucifix, mounting on a chair to reach it better), is responsible for Mayor Fern holding office and he swears (on the same crucifix) that he will by the same token remove the Mayor at the next election. He states that he manner in which he assured the Koolaula majority for Fern was by telling the Portuguese of that district to count so many squares from the left of the ballot, so many squares down and put a cross there. This method, he says, was closely followed. He explains that he is a power in Koolaula and holds the voters in the hollow of his hand. He states that should he run for any office he would be elected without fail and that he may possibly enter for the office of sheriff next November.

Part of this story is true and part the results of a marvelous imaginative fabric although the statements led to some other rather startling statements made by Emmeluth in reference to Wilson's connection with the Kahana and Kahuani road contracts. John Emmeluth, when seen last night, states that Woods, the coholder with Picano on the Kahuani contract, came to him and told him that he was unable to secure bond and as he would be unable to sign the contract within the time stipulated, he would have to forfeit the \$500 certified check that had been put up by his relatives. Emmeluth refused at the time to touch it, but later decided to take it up and keep Woods from going under and losing everything he had. Woods, says Emmeluth, was the honest man of the duo and that Picano was as crooked as a dog's hind leg, a sentiment which was repeated by Picano's lawyer last night. His attorney has "fired" him and refuses to have anything more to do with him.

After taking over Woods' share on the bid, Emmeluth went bond for Picano and the two became partners after a fashion. Emmeluth gave Picano a job as superintendent of the work at a salary of \$100 and then heard reports that Picano was conducting himself in a rather crooked way and was laying off the job for several days at a time. Emmeluth investigated and found that Picano was allowed to stay in with him the contract would be forfeited and a large amount of money lost. He then made the Portuguese an offer of \$250, which offer was accepted.

Picano asked Emmeluth for a job on the Kahana road, the contract for which was held by the latter. Emmeluth agreed and set the salary at whatever figure the other man received. Picano balked and that was the last he heard of the matter.

Concerning Wilson's connection with the two contracts, Emmeluth stated last night that the Honolulu road supervisor is being paid \$50 a month to go down to look over the roadwork once a week and give advice and suggestions concerning it. Emmeluth also agreed to give Wilson five per cent of

ARGONAUT WOULD LET IN CHINESE

Urges That the Exclusion Laws Be Suspended as Far as Hawaii Is Concerned.

In discussing the labor problems of Hawaii and, incidentally, the question of a suspension of the passenger restrictions of the coastwise law, the San Francisco Argonaut says:

"An easy and certain solution of the Hawaiian labor problem is in plain sight, lacking only the consent of the American government. China literally teems with an element perfectly suited to the work of the island plantations. All the labor needed to establish island industry on an entirely efficient basis could be had in six months' time if there could be a limited suspension of the exclusion law. If fifty thousand Chinese, or even half that number, could be brought into the Islands it would put a quietus to the pending labor troubles and establish the local prosperity upon a largely expanded basis."

"There is an old saw which recites the folly of cutting off one's nose to spite one's face. This is precisely what we are doing in Hawaii. For the sake of a stupid and technical consistency, deserving of no respect or consideration on the score of common sense, we are preventing the island planters from supplying their need from the one source whence it might easily and suitably be done. It is not a case difficult to analyze, but a case presenting legitimate problems. It is simply a case where, through political cowardice, nobody is willing to take the lead. One bold and strong member of congress who would make himself master of the facts and who would act without fear of the labor unions ought to be able to bring about a relaxation of the law that would mean fortune to the Hawaiian Islands and imply a substantial advantage to American industry."

"There is another point at which the severity of restrictive law works hardship upon the Hawaiian Islands. There is a regulation which restricts the passenger traffic to the great inconvenience of those who pass to and fro between the Islands and the mainland. Trans-Pacific steamers going and coming stop at Honolulu, but they may not carry passengers between the Islands and the mainland because a fool law enacted presumptively in the interest of the American merchant marine forbids it. This works hardship in a hundred forms, tending to the restraint of trade and to the isolation of the Islands. It ought to be removed so far as the Islands are concerned. Instead of so maintaining the law as to burden the Islands, we ought to recast it to their advantage. A time has come when a set of restrictions devised for simpler times and conditions are obstructive and otherwise mischievous."

THIRTY BILLION IN THE NATION'S FARMS

Great Increase in Values Is Shown by Census Figures.

CHICAGO, December 30.—The United States has \$30,000,000,000 invested in farm lands, their buildings, machinery and livestock, according to a census taken by Orange Judd Farmer. From 1,000,000 in 1850, the number of farms has increased to nearly 7,000,000 in 1909.

The report adds: "No such increase in agricultural land values was ever known before in the history of the world in any country. The value of farms in the United States has increased 44 per cent more than in 1900, the figures of that year showing an increase of 25 per cent over the previous decade."

The most remarkable figures presented show that the Western section, which includes New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and other States, has, in the past ten years, shown an increase in the number of farms of 100 per cent. At the same time the value has increased 98 per cent and the products 211 per cent.

Values of farms in the South Central States have increased 58 per cent and in the North Central States 43 per cent. In the North Atlantic States there has been an increase in value of 13 per cent, and in the South Atlantic States an increase of 34 per cent.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN IS TO BE DEMOLISHED

NEW YORK, December 28.—Madison Square Garden, designed by the late Stanford White, and built at a cost of \$3,000,000, has been sold to a real estate syndicate and will be torn down and replaced by a modern office building, according to a report in realty circles today. The property has been on the market for some time at \$3,000,000. Demolition of the Madison Square Garden would mean a serious loss to the National Horse Show, where the event is held annually. It is owned by the Madison Square Garden Company, of which Frank K. Sturgis is president and J. P. Morgan a member. As an investment the garden has not been profitable.

The Kahana proceeds for figuring out the job. In reference to this, Picano frequently asserted (with swearing as the crutch) that he, and not John Wilson, figured out the job, and that Wilson couldn't figure out a sum in simple addition. However the matter is, Picano is not of the ranking in the best road contractor and Mayor Fern had lost his patience when he said he had no more to say about it.

DASTARDLY WORK OF HUMAN BRUTE

Attacks on Women Have Thrown Aiea Plantation Into Reign of Terror.

Aiea is in the throes of a reign of terror. The women shiver with apprehension when they hear a step upon the veranda, and the men are investing in guns and revolvers, which they are keeping ready for instant use. A renegade who preys upon defenseless women is causing the alarm.

How long the miscreant has been carrying on his work is not known, as it was not until he turned from the humble quarters of the laborers and directed his efforts toward the houses of the plantation officers that the story of the dastardly depredations leaked out. The police have the matter in charge but as yet have not been successful in getting hold of any clue to work on.

Thursday morning the officials of the plantation were horrified to learn that a man had attempted to assault the wife of one of their number. An investigation was hurriedly started and soon it was learned that the wretch had successfully terrorized the Japanese quarters for some time, but that by threats he had managed to frighten his victims into keeping quiet.

The attempted assault made Thursday morning was particularly dastardly. The husband of the intended victim had left the house early. The woman was rudely awakened by the blanket being torn off her bed, and next she found herself grappling with an intruder. Pluckily she fought, screaming for help all the time, and the assailant ultimately desisted, making his escape before assistance came.

As quickly as the news of the attempted assault was spread about the plantation, the men organized a manhunt in the hope of catching the villain before he should escape from the premises. But though every place that would seem to afford shelter was carefully searched, no trace of the miscreant could be found, and the search was given up.

The plantation authorities called the police to their assistance and the latter made every effort to get on the trail of the miscreant. Should the man be captured by the plantation workmen it is likely to go hard with him, for feeling against him is at fever heat.

Sheriff Jarrett stated last evening that he had no clue to the identity of the man who had been discovered. He stated, however, that the testimony of those who had seen him leads to the belief that the human brute is a Porto Rican, and a careful search of all the surrounding district is being made. It is probable that arrests will be made today.

WORK IS BEGUN ON OBSERVATORY

President Gilmore Makes a Start on Construction Work in Kaimuki.

Work was begun yesterday on the observatory being erected in Kaimuki to house the big telescope of the College of Hawaii. So far have been subscriptions being coming in that yesterday President Gilmore of the College of Hawaii felt justified in making a start, and he took a party of workmen out to the site selected.

The work will be rushed along, that the telescope may be mounted in plenty of time to allow all to have an opportunity to observe the approach and departure of Halley's comet.

Two new subscriptions toward the observatory building were received yesterday by The Advertiser. One donor, who hid his identity under the name of Kamaaina, subscribed twenty-five dollars, and Frank Godfrey contributed ten dollars. These subscriptions make the total amount collected up to date, through The Advertiser, \$300.

PRESIDENT URGES RADICAL ACTION

Would Have Railroads and Other Corporations Under Strict Supervision.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, January 7.—President Taft in a special message to congress today made the most sweeping recommendations that have ever been made, of legislation to control corporations. With special reference to railroads, he offers a plan for federal supervision of almost everything corporate. The message of President Taft advises the requisition of federal charters for all corporations, the establishment of a new court of commerce to determine all interstate appeals and the federal supervision of all railroad rates and stock issues. Control of the pooling of freight classifications is urged and legislation to the effect that no railroad can acquire ownership in another railroad which is a competing line with the purchaser, unless the purchasing road has already half of the stock of the road purchased.

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SOCIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION

Census Director Clark and Palama Rath to Collect Information.

(From Saturday's Advertiser.)

Acting on advice received yesterday from Washington, Census Director Clark will, within a short time, institute a sociological investigation, the results of which will be incorporated in the report to congress. Superintendent Rath of the Palama mission will be in charge of the collection of data.

This investigation is not directly connected with the census work, but as the prospects are that there is to be a special book on Hawaii, which will be more or less of an official handbook of the Islands, the data collected will probably be incorporated in the report.

The investigation will, in general, be similar to that undertaken by the Russell Sage foundation in New York and Pittsburgh. The information wanted includes family incomes in Hawaii, housing conditions, the cost of living, and other items relating to the welfare of the working people. Data will be collected showing the relative conditions of the working people of the various nationalities in Hawaii.

For the purpose of collecting the information wanted it is proposed to select from each nationality in Hawaii about one hundred workingmen's families, not of the dependent class, to cooperate in the work.

The schedules to be used have been prepared by Mr. Rath and are based on those used in similar investigations on the mainland. The bureau of labor has cooperated in the preparation of the schedules.

TRACING THE ANONYMOUS LETTER WRITER

An investigation, carried on by several of the leading Portuguese of the city, was made yesterday in an attempt to trace the sender of the anonymous letters sent to Doctors Sinclair and Judd, of the board of medical examiners, as reported in The Advertiser yesterday. The result of the investigation and a comparison of the handwriting of the anonymous letters with that on some signed letters has been to convince the investigators of the identity of the writer, although no legal proof is forthcoming.

If the deductions of the investigators are correct, the letters were sent with a view of prejudicing the examiners against Dr. Gaspar and were not sent by any friend of the applicant for a license. This makes the act of writing and mailing the letters all the more despicable, as not being the work of some ignorant person.

In connection with the matter several delegations of Portuguese called at The Advertiser office yesterday, while probably a score of communications were also received. Among the delegates and the correspondents there was much indignation against the writer of the letters and his attempt to create a suspicion that the Portuguese as a class are opposed to the medical practitioners of the city.

From O Luso office was sent a literal translation of a communication received this week, publication of which was refused. It was written and signed by Doctor Pinto, in which he accuses the board of medical examiners of unfairness towards Doctor Gaspar. O Luso refused to publish it for obvious reasons. One paragraph of it reads: "The three examiners nominated for the examination of habilitation, propose to submit him to proofs more difficult, almost impossible, led by odium, by jealousy caused them by the stay of our good friend. Yesterday, Wednesday, the first proofs took place which will end Saturday. From the questions, which are in fact a snare, we can from now conclude the result. It will be one more disaster."

DECREASE IN THE OUTPUT OF BEER

Falling Off Due to the Wave of Prohibition Over the Country.

MILWAUKEE (Wis.), December 30.—In the last four months there has been a falling off of nearly 80,000 barrels in the output of Milwaukee beer as shown by tax receipt records in the office of the internal revenue collector. In the fiscal year ending July 1, 1909, there is shown a decrease of 321,255 barrels of beer from the amount sold in the previous year.

Internal Revenue Collector Henry Pink attributes the decrease in business done by the Milwaukee brewers to the effects of the prohibition wave which has swept over the country. Dispatches from Washington on the situation throughout the entire country indicate that the brewers are recovering from the slump in the consumption of beer.

SENATOR PERKINS BETTER.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, January 7.—Senator Perkins, who yesterday sustained painful injuries through slipping and falling on the icy pavement, is today in an improved condition.

PINCHOT LOSES OFFICIAL HEAD

President Summarily Removes the Forest Chief, Charging Insubordination.

OTHERS ALSO FEEL THE AX

Political Watchers Fear That Act of Taft Will Have Grave Consequences.

MAY SPLIT UP THE PARTY

Insurgents Win Signal Victory in Connection With the Investigation.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, January 8.—Ballinger has drawn first blood in his battle with Gifford Pinchot, head of the division of forestry of the department of agriculture. President Taft yesterday summarily dismissed Pinchot from office.

With Pinchot fell Overton W. Price, associate forester and chief of the bureau of forest measurements, and Solicitor Shaw, head of the legal department of the forest service. Price had been in the department since 1899 and was Pinchot's right hand man.

Insubordination on the part of Pinchot and his lieutenant is the reason given for the summary action of the President. The reading of the forester's letter to Senator Dooliver, making certain charges against the secretary of the interior, was the immediate cause of the removal of the official. The letter was read in the senate during the course of the Ballinger investigation, and immediately caused a furor.

President Indignant.

The reading of the letter aroused the keenest resentment on the part of the President, who charged that the dignity of his high office had been attacked.

The cabinet was in session throughout the afternoon. When the meeting came to a close, the announcement was made that Pinchot's official head had fallen and that with their chief had fallen the two highest officials of the forestry division.

It is believed that the action of the President will lead to harsh words in congress. Political observers declare that the situation created by the dismissal of Pinchot is the most tense that has existed in years. Pinchot has a large following throughout the country and his dismissal is sure to lead to much bitterness, say those intimately acquainted with the political situation.

It is freely predicted that the dropping of Pinchot will result in a breach between President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt and it is feared that the Republican party is facing the danger of a serious split. The situation is generally admitted to be critical.

Insurgent Victory.

The insurgents won their first victory in connection with the coming investigation of the department of the interior and the forestry service. By a margin of three votes they forced the adoption of an amendment to the house resolution calling for the investigation. This amendment takes the appointment of the investigating committee out of the hands of Speaker Cannon and provides that, instead, the house shall elect the members.

When the result of the vote was announced, there was wild cheering in the house.

SECRETARY KNOX PROPOSED NEUTRALIZATION PLAN

Made Suggestion as Calculated to Avoid Friction in Manchuria.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, January 7.—Following the cabinet discussion of affairs in the Far East, it was announced today that Secretary of State Knox proposed the neutralization of the Manchurian railway. This is the plan by which it is hoped to avoid friction between rival powers seeking to gain control and jealous of one another's influence.

REVOLUTIONARY LEADER MEETS DEATH IN WATER

(By Associated Press.)

BLUEFIELD, January 8.—General Diaz of the revolutionary army was drowned yesterday while on his way to Managua. Diaz was going as the representative of the revolutionists to discuss terms for a possible treaty of peace between the forces of Estrada and the army of the government.

DANGER FROM GROUP.

A few minutes delay in treating some cases of group, even the length of time it takes to go for a doctor often proves dangerous. The safest way is to keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and at the first indication of group give the child a dose. Pleasant to take and always cures. For sale by all dealers. Beware, Smith & Co., agents for Hawaii.